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So you are up to date tomorrow morning. The Pebble TWGs are cancelled by PLP.

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Dear TWG Members,

Pebble Limited Partnership would like to thank you all for your participation in the Technical Working Groups. While there have been some growing pains throughout the process for all participants, there has also been meaningful communication that has been helpful for the project, and hopefully for the agencies as well.

After 5 years of baseline environmental work, many of the environmental studies have been completed, and others have been deferred until a preliminary mine development plan exists to serve as a design basis for monitoring studies. We have determined that the most effective use of our funds will be to complete studies that are already well underway and to maintain some limited baseline studies that will provide long term temporal data of regional environmental conditions.

As a result of this, PLP is suspending the Technical Working Groups at this time. PLP continues to value agency recommendations and will maintain communication with the Large Mine Permitting Team and individual agencies through conventional channels and procedures.

Once again, thank you all for your time and consideration of the Pebble Project.

(Please note that there is an exception of the instream flow fish habitat meeting that is still scheduled for January 20.)

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